

BELLEVUE REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE HISTORY

Project Beginnings -- 1999

Project team formed on April 28, 1999 – to pursue sustained and comprehensive neighborhood revitalization in the Bellevue neighborhood spearheaded by Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development.

Organizations involved: Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Department of Public Works (DPW), Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Office of Planning (OP), Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Department of Employment Services (DOES), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), W.C. Smith, Manna, and Community and Family Life Services.

Goals of effort were to: (1) create a clean and safe environment, (2) redevelop housing and commercial/retail, (3) support education and workforce development, and (4) enhance youth services and recreation.

The project focused on 4 areas of concentrated housing blight: Unit block of Forrester Street, SW; Unit block of Galveston Place, SW; 4300 block of Halley Terrace., SW; and 100 block of Danbury Street, SW. Area identified as a Capital Community by MPD.

Desired outcome – comprehensive and coordinated neighborhood revitalization through an inclusive and participatory community process

The Process Today - 2002

Bellevue Community Engagement Process: Bellevue Advisory Committee (BAC) formed in March 2002 to establish community objectives. The BAC is a small manageable group of stakeholders, including Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANCs), residents, property owners, and community, identified by the Office of Planning and Department of Housing and Community Development.

BAC Purpose:

- Serve as an advisory body for decisions on how the District moves forward in Bellevue;
- Ensure that the interests of the community are represented and considered when the District Government makes decisions;
- Serve as a liaison between the community and various District agencies and external partners.

BAC Meetings

- First meeting held on April 11, 2002 at Washington Highland Library
- **Presentation of Community Objectives** held on May 30, 2002 at Hadley Memorial Hospital

Summary of Accomplishments:

- Demolished structures at 62 & 64 Forrester St., SW
- Significantly reduced open air drug activity and supported major drug prosecutions
- DCRA cited numerous property owners for housing code violations
- Identified as a persistent problem area by Neighborhood Services Core Team October 2000, currently in maintenance status
- Resurfaced alley between Forrester and Galveston Pl
- Patterson ES demolition complete. Construction of a new \$15.3 million facility to begin in the fall 2002.
- Stakeholders tour held on July 9, 2002